

**East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
Meeting Agenda**
General Monthly Meeting – January 15, 2020 @ 6:00PM
Terrazas Branch Library, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez Street, Austin, TX 78702

6:00pm Call to Order & Introductions/Roll Call

East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Members							
Residential Rep	1	Eric Pace	P	Community Stakeholder	Residential Renter:	Farah Rivera	P
	2	-			Non-Profit/Civic:	Julio Perez	A
	3	-			Non-Profit/Civic:	Renee Lopez	P
	4	Sara Pedrosa	A		Non-Profit/Civic:	-	
	5	-			Business/Owner:	Susan Benz (C,T)	P
	6	-			Business/Owner:	Crisene Casper	P
	7	Kristen Hotopp	P		Business/Owner:	-	
	8	Kristen Heaney (S)	P				

Officers Key: (C) Chair, (VC) Vice-Chair, (T) Treasurer, (S) Secretary
Attendance Key: (P) Present, (A) Absent, (N) No Call No Show

6:05pm Citizen Communications

ServeAustin Collaborative
Dana Haddad, Recruiter - Director of Partnerships
dhaddad@serveaustin.org
mobile: 512.537.8917, office: 512.854.1588

An alliance of 8 different AmeriCorp Organizations. National Service Opportunity that allows you to get paid while doing direct service.

Looking to fill seats with more Central Texans and more diversity. Ages 17 and up.

RBJ Update

Elena Rodriguez (512) 784-3277

Building south of RBJ is 50%. Complete in Nov 2020.
Commercial Building is schedule to start Summer 2020.
Site grading and layout underway. Temp parking, utilities and foundation work underway.

S. Benz ask for Cap Metro Update. F. Rivera confirms that Cap Metro just built a new station that is close as it can get. Residents are very happy.

Waller Creek/Palm District Planning Update

Ms. Stevie Greathouse, Program Manager
City of Austin | Planning and Zoning
Tel | 512.974.7226
Email | stevie.greathouse@austintexas.gov

Goal to send plan and recommendations to city council in early 2021.

S. Benz – We think you will see there is a good amount of interest, especially in Palm Park and Palm School. Request that you hold firm on public outreach and spend a little extra time.

We welcome insight on groups we should be going to for input.

Email stevie.greathouse@austintexas.gov to receive interested stakeholder updates.

US Census 2020 – Charles Pappas (512) 699-5370

Hiring for 2020 Census Taking. Starting 4/1/2020.

Requirements: Ages 18+. Email address. Eligible to work in the US. English proficiency.

Work in the community where you live in. Pay \$23/hour. Part-time hours.

Apply Online 2020CENSUS.GOV/JOBS

Cosmic Coffee – Paul Oveisi, (512) 431-0204

with Endeavor – Jason Thumlert, (512) 682-5523

Saltillo Update

Lance Armstrong Bikeway (LAB) completes end of January

Attayac Paseo near completion

Cap Metro testing for rail crossing to open shall be operational by mid-late February

Endeavor work should be completing in next 30 days. Then tenant finish outs continue and openings continue.

Target scheduled to open soon. Starting to stock in next 20 days. End of March?

Whole Foods has said second half of year, possibly before end of school year. Next 3-4 months?

Last residential units turn over at end of month. 700 total units.

E. Pace – on 4th Street by Austin Steel at the south side of Saltillo the grass has been torn up. And graffiti. J. Thumlert – wants to create mural to help with graffiti. It's a Cap Metro issue.

K. Hotopp – request for property manager contact info for illegally parked cars and delivery vehicles. J. Thumlert agrees that it's a problem and continues to work on it. There are new delivery only areas. We have been working with the city on it.

Texaco Building Update

Endeavor has an agreement with Cosmic.

Paul, native Austinite. Cosmic #1 mission to leave our footprint better than we found it. Onsite composting, rainwater catchment, gardens, chicken coop, COA Platinum rating for green business program.

We want to preserve that facade of Texaco Building and green it up.

Great coffee and bev program. Evolving taqueria project.

Working with Clayton-Little and Casa Bella Architects. Intent to keep outer shell and remodel inside.

Landscape Christine Ten Eyck.

Operating Hours – not flushed out. Currently 7 AM – midnight.

Will be doing a full-scale taqueria.

No music planned. “Music is so dear to me so to do it wrong is not interesting to me. It's either a full music project or none at all.” – P. Oveisi

E. Pace – What I can say about there business is that it drives community.

Projected opening estimate is about a year from now.

7:01pm Reading and approval of the Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec 2019 General Meeting Minutes

MOTION F. Rivera second C. Casper to approve September 2019 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by majority. E. Pace, S. Benz abstain.

MOTION C. Casper second F. Rivera to approve October 2019 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by majority. K. Hotopp, E. Pace, S. Benz abstain.

MOTION F. Rivera second C. Casper to approve November 2019 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by majority. K. Hotopp, E. Pace, S. Benz abstain.

MOTION C. Casper second K. Hotopp to approve December 2019 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by majority. S. Benz abstains.

7:15 PM Officers' Reports

Chair – Attended East Austin PTMD Meeting with C. Casper. Available funds from meters is \$410,498. We get to make recommendations of mobility projects that we would like to see in the neighborhood. C. Casper and S. Benz are on their committee and will start working on this to recommend projects.

Signals will be installed at Waller and 7th, Waller and 5th, San Marcos, and 7th and San Marcos at Cesar Chavez.

Looks at 4-way stops at 4th and Waller and 4th and Navasota.

If we know any business owners in district with an interest in having a voice at the table in the PTMD conversation let's recruit them. The business reps control 50% of the funds and there is only one rep at this time.

Treasurer – No activity since May 2019. Balance \$1,874.18

7:30 PM Standing Committee/Sector Rep Reports

Bylaws Committee – Kristen Hotopp

Voted on and approved the new bylaws at December Meeting. Further discussion regarding term limits are on tonight's agenda.

Would be nice to add term start date to website listing and agenda roll call.

S. Benz suggests that it be the responsibility of the Vice-Chair to keep tabs on the term dates by keeping a running list.

Sector 1 Update – Food Truck Park, E. Pace.

Is owned by World Class Capital so the assumption is there will be no development in the near future.

7:40 PM Unfinished Business/General Orders

Chalmers Court

2020 Quantifiable Community Participation (QCP) Neighborhood Information Packet

9% Housing Tax Credit Letter of Support Signed by S. Benz and K. Hotopp

Review and Discussion of Term Limits in new ByLaws.

It seems that term limits are important for officers but may not be so much for members. Could be that additional terms are allowed if re-elected by a super majority vote.

Section 4 - Membership East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Plan Contact Team

E. Members shall serve two-year (24-month) terms. Members may serve up to two consecutive terms unless challenged by another candidate and/or unless they no longer meet the membership requirements for their seat, as outlined in Section 4C.

“A member who has served (2) consecutive two-year terms (24 month) may be elected to additional two-year terms by an affirmative vote of a Super Majority or 2/3 of the ECC NPCT.”

MOTION K. Hotopp and seconded by F. Rivera to approve the amendment language. Motion carried unanimously.

8:00 PM New Business

Election of Kristen Heaney as Business Rep

MOTION by K. Hotopp seconded by C. Casper to elect K. Heaney as a Property Owner Representative. Motion carried unanimously. K. Heaney abstained.

Officer Elections discussion

Candidates:

Chair – Kristen Heaney
Vice-Chair – Kristen Hotopp
Secretary – Eric Pace
Treasurer – Susan Benz

MOTION by E. Pace second by K. Hotopp to amend that agenda to include the names of the candidates in order to facilitate and officer election. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by K. Hotopp second by C. Casper to elect Kristen Heaney as Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by R. Lopez second by F. Rivera to elect Kristen Hotopp as Vice-Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by C. Casper second by F. Rivera to elect Eric Pace as Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by E. Pace second by R. Lopez to elect Susan Benz as Treasure. Motion carried unanimously.

8:15 PM Announcements

None.

8:19 PM Adjournment

MOTION by C. Casper second by R. Lopez to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.